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SUBJECT: GKR PROGRAM OF CONTACTS

REFS: TUNIS 2512; PHNOM PENH 5380

1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLY BUT OUR BEST CONTACT IN FONOFFICE WISHED
AWAIT RETURN OF FONMIN FROM UN BEFORE GIVING US OPINION ON
IMPROVEMENT GKR DIPLOMATIC POSITION. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED
ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT GOL WOULD RECEIVE RELIGIOUS-ORIENTED
DELEGATION MENTIONED REFTEL, PROVIDED THAT VISIT IS MADE "DISCREETLY"
(I.E., WITHOUT COMMUNIQUESN PUBLICITY, ETC.).

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2. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT IN RPEVIOUS CONSIDERATION OF

QUESTION GKR REPRESENTATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCE, POSITION OF GOL IS AFFECTED BY FORMAL POSITION TAKEN BY ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, AS WELL AS BY GOL DESIRE NOT GET TOO FAR OUT OF STEP WITH ARAB LEAGUE AND OTHER ARAB GOVTs., PARTICULARLY SYRIA, EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. BEST GOL HAS BEEN ABLE DO UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAS BEEN TO REMAIN NEUTRAL (I.E., ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT) ON QUESTION GKRCOMPETITION WITH GRUNK FOR REPRESENTATION. WHILE INFORMING US THAT GOL WOULD RECEIVE CHAM DEL, OUR CONTACT IN FONOFFICE RECALLED TO EMBOFF THAT PAST GOL POSITION STILL STANDS.

3. WE DOUBT THAT DELEGATION VISIT HERE CAN ACHIEVE CHANGE IN GOL POSITION. IT COULD, HOWEVER, SERVE PURPOSE OF BUILDING SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR GKR POSITION WHICH WOULD AT LEAST KEEP GOL FIRMLY IN ABSTENTION/ABSENT COLUMN DESPITE PRESSURES FROM OTHER ARABS, USSR, ETC. GODLEY

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